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Application No.: 10/678,912
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| Applicants: | STEVEN L. BOEHMKE |) | Confirmation No. | 2223 |
| Serial No.: | 10/678,912 |) | Art Unit: | 3782 |
| Filed: | October 6, 2003 |) | Examiner: | Newhouse, Nathan Jeffrey |
| For: | ARTICLE STORAGE BASKET INCORPORATED INTO A HANDLEBAR STEERING ASSEMBLY |) | | |

DECLARATION OF STEVEN L. BOEHMKE

I, Steven L. Boehmke, declare that:

1. I am the inventor of the present patent application, namely, United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/678,912, filed October 6, 2003. The present patent application is the first and only application I have been involved with. In this respect, I have no prior experience with the patenting process.
2. The application was originally filed by Mr. Erik Arnhem (U.S. Patent Attorney Registration No. 22,149). Additionally, Mr. Arnhem generally counseled me on all intellectual property matters. After filing the original application, Mr. Arnhem died on May 21, 2004.
3. An initial Office Action related to the present application was rendered by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on October 5, 2005.
4. The initial Office Action was mailed to a Post Office (P.O.) Box that had been rented by Mr. Arnhem prior to his death. The P.O. Box was not rented by Mr. Arnhem at the time the Office Action was received by the post office. Accordingly, the Office Action was returned to the USPTO and received by the USPTO on October 28, 2005. A copy of the cover

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page from the returned Office Action, with the receipt date of October 28, 2005 stamped thereon, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5. In view of the fact that I never received the initial Office Action, I was unaware that a deadline to respond to the Office Action existed.
6. The USPTO issued a Notice of Abandonment ("Notice") on May 10, 2007. I never received the Notice, as it was mailed to the P.O. Box previously rented by Mr. Arnhem, and subsequently returned to the USPTO. A copy of the return mailing of the Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
7. After not receiving any information regarding the status of the present application, I sought the guidance of STETINA BRUNDA GARRED & BRUCKER to assist me in determining the status of the application. It was at this time that I first learned of the initial Office Action and that the period for reply had expired, causing the application to become abandoned.
8. After learning of the abandoned status of the patent application, I have diligently pursued revival of the patent application.
9. Any delays associated with the present application being abandoned were unintentional.
10. I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge, are true, and that all statements made under information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title XVIII of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

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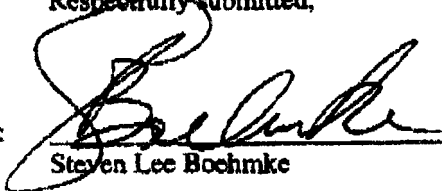

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EXHIBIT A